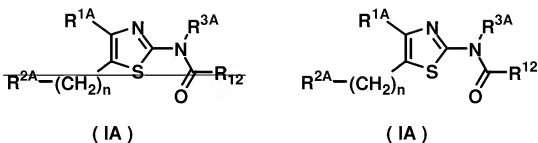


b.) Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A thiazole derivative represented by a formula (IA);



[wherein

$R^{1A}$  represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one oxygen atom (~~excluding a group selected from 5-phosphonofuran-2-yl and 5-nitrofuran-2-yl~~);

$n$  represents an integer of from 0 to 3;

$R^{12}$  represents a ~~hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~ substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted

alicyclic heterocyclic-alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic-alkyl,  
heterocyclic-alkyl;

R<sup>3A</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, or substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

and

-NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> (wherein

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> may be the same or different, and each represents

a hydrogen atom,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy,

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted aryl,

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl), or

~~OR<sup>15</sup>~~ (wherein

R<sup>15</sup> represents a hydrogen atom;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl));

n represents an integer of from 0 to 3;

R<sup>1A</sup> represents a hydrogen atom;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl; or

$\text{-COR}^{12A}$  (wherein  $\text{R}^{12A}$  have the same meaning as that of  $\text{R}^{12}$ ); and

$\text{R}^{2A}$  represents substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group

(excluding 2-furyl);

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

$\text{-NR}^5\text{R}^6$  (wherein  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  may be the same or different, and each represents

a hydrogen atom;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl;

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl; or

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl);

$\text{-OR}^7$  (wherein

$R^7$  represents a hydrogen atom,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted aryl,

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl,

$-OR^7$  or

$-COR^8$  represents a hydrogen atom,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl;

$-NR^9R^{10}$  (wherein

$R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  may be the same or different, and each represent

a hydrogen atom;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy;

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl; or

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl); or

$-OR^{11}$  (wherein

$R^{11}$  represents a hydrogen atom;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl;

substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl;

substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl;

substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl;

a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group;

a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group;

substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl; or



~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl}}~~,

R<sup>2A</sup> represents -COR<sup>8</sup> (wherein R<sup>8</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at least one oxygen atom),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Original) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24, wherein R<sup>1A</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted furyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24 ~~or 25~~, wherein n is 0, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 27-33 (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to ~~claim 27,~~ claim 24, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is a hydrogen atom, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to ~~claim 27~~, claim 24, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is lower alkyl or ~~aralkyl~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 36-50 (Cancelled).

51. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24, wherein R<sup>1A</sup> is furyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

52. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 51, wherein n is 0, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

53. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 52, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is a hydrogen atom, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

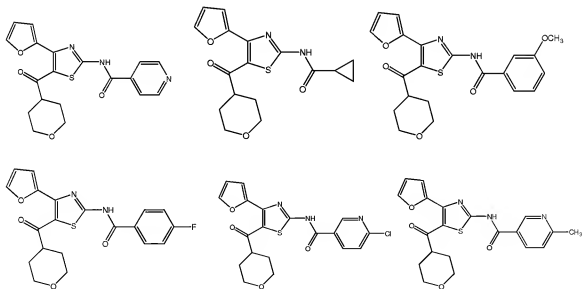
54. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

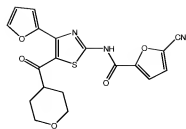
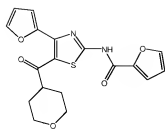
55. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic-methyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

56. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

57. (New) The thiazole derivative according to any one of claims 54 to 56, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is tetrahydropyranyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

58. (New) A thiazole derivative selected from the group consisting of the following formulae, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:





and

